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Norwich, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1909. COURTESY ON THE TROLLEY

LINES. As a rule it is quite likely that those who complain most of the manners of the trolley our conductors are not

themselves sweet dispositioned or mild Courtesy on the trolley lines is what makes traveling the more enjoyable and what makes the lines more popu-

lar and profitable. The receiver managing a New York trolley line urged the conductors to be pleasant and polite to all passengers as a gure means of increasing business and making the lines profit-

This is good management and foreshadows good business. There are conditions which tend to make passengers irritable often. The crowded car, the strap-hanging and the genersd discomfort at some hours of the day, when the traveling public is tired and seeking rest, is the cause of most of the disputes and exciting incidents witnessed while traveling on the trolley lines.

Courtesy is just as commendable when practiced by a passenger as when manifested by the conductor, and it is highly to the credit of any traveler to show the good breeding which keeps him caim and polite under the most trying circumstances.

The trolley lines are where weary people meet—the worn conductors and the tired people—toward the close of the day. Disregard of manners is too common on the part of travelers and it takes a conductor of self-control and superior personal qualities to remain always calm and civil, but that is the best business policy and this command the highest commendation of his employers and the best salary

SELLING MEN AT AUCTION.

That was a novel spectacle when a New York paster of a recent evening attempted to sell forty enforced idle and dependent married man to a congregation as a means of procuring for them a chance to get an honest

This method of selling men under any circumstances is open to the severest criticism, even if it is only to excite interest and bring relief. did not result satisfactorily. Only four of the men were bid off at low wage rates, and contributions were made for the remaining thirty-six to help them to live until they could find employ-

There is no knowing but the result of this sale was the procurement of four men at a cheaper wage than men n employment and that four men iest their work to four men who would do it for less money, per weak, a result which may have made matters rae instead of better.

What appears to be charitable work along these lines often proves to be into the same state of privation the can be made in its consideration, others were in before they found work and their relief is the other man's

It is no easy matter to justify and equitably selve problems of this kind, the higher salary. and it is often claimed by labor that more harm than good has been done. Men who are thus offered for sale lack self-reliance and cannot be regarded as efficient as men who are dapable of self-support and they are bid for because they may be had cheap and perhaps be a larger source of

This policy is not a good one. Auctioning off men in this way is not thing to be encouraged or imitated

A POLITICAL CENSUS.

Here in little old New England we do not realize what the political census is, against which President Roosevelt has put down his foot, and where it is understood the president needs no claquers to win for him applause. An instance of a political enumeration is being cited at Omaha. In 1890 the ward-heeler enumerators appointed there were called together by the political bosses and were instructed how to make their returns. They were told that they were expected to show that Omaha had a population of more than 140,000, regardless of the facts, in best good of her people. order to carry out these instructions. the enumerators in the various districts were obliged to pad their books. and they did it by copying names out of a Cincinnati directory. It took two attempts before the figures suited the bosses, who went over the books before they were submitted to the federal census supervisor, and the total finally returned gave Omaha an official record of containing 140,452 people. Por ten years these figures were quoted as correct, and Omaha was classed as a "boom!" town. But the day of reckoning came in 1900, An honest census supervisor, aware of what had occurred in 1890, issued orders that there was to be no such manipulation of the figures again. The result was that when the census was completed Omaha was credited with only 102,555 inhabitants, a decrease of 26.9 per cent. in a decade. The political bosses protested against such a showing being made public, but they failed to accomplish their purpose, and Omaha has since had the unenviable notoriety of being a down-grade city, though those familiar with the matter were well aware that it contained more inhabitants in 1900 than it did in 1890.

The Newark News says: "A majority of the men who took the federal census of the Silk City in 1900 had no conception of the nature of their duties. They secured their positions because of their political pull, and they did just as little work as they could and still draw their pay. Some of the lists turned in by them bore evidence of having been copied from a directory in the back rooms of saloons, and it was found necessary to have much of the work done over again under the direction of a local supervisor. The total number of inhabitants of Paterson, according to this enumeration, was 111,529, though there was every reason to believe that the city had at that time over 125,000 population."

dent opposes, and he has with him all fair minded men.

An honest census is what the president wants, what the country desires and what the people stand for.

WHY THIS EXCEPTION?

their brethren liquor which will befuddle them, and will have to do only with unfermented wines.

If it is a crime for a citizen to sell or give wine to a citizen, it is an equal crime for the church to do it, and such an exception as this is a shame to the religion asking it, whatever its name or wherever it may exist.

TO CHECK POLITICAL FLOATERS The report of the special commis ion upon the direct primary was presented to the legislature last week by on is that it will if studied win upon

As briefly explained by The Courant the plan which the commission reports provides for holding the pri-maries at the little town meetings on first Monday of October, thus reducing the expense. Only those vot-ers can vote at primaries who are regstered as members of the party whose primary they propose to take part in, and nobody can shift to another party within ninety days of a primary; if he does, he loses his right to vote at a primary. The voting at the primaries is by secret ballot. The ballots of the parties are to be of different colors and to be printed by the state and not given out in advance of the day of voting. Many other provisions are inluded, and it is believed the law is as racticable and fair as any to be found. It prevents the chief complaint against primaries—that mempers of one party vote at the other's kind of classy. Oh, I don't know, difprimary; it guards against fraud; it is frunt.

clear and practicable. A law which promises so much that s desirable and so little that is objectionable, certainly ought to wakup the interest of the citizens and be eruel to others because it throws them so thoroughly studied that no mistake

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is no doubt that Senator Know as secretary of state would be worth

The Taft dinner at New Orleans cost a simple liver, too.

There is no end to the variety of all of them are good.

Happy thought for today: Be hearful. When dejection gets hold of ou he makes duty up-hill work.

President-elect Taft attended a recele party at New Orleans, and othing serious has happened in consequence of it.

One-half the negroes of Jackson, Miss., own their own homes; and they rent houses to other negroes paying \$12,000 rent a year.

They say down south that Billy Possum runs so fast that he cannot see his shadow, and thus goes the groundhog one better.

Cuha is showing signs of weakness n government which throws suspicion upon her ability to do things for the

The groundhog for 1909 has lost his eputation, and is now regarded in a ight no better than that which filumines the end-seat hog.

Missouri has risen up with a probutton so that they shall be known for what they really are.

At Rutland, Vt., it is proposed, if the right men decline to serve as city fathers, to proceed to draft them. How is this for a free country?

It is said that it is better to be orn in North Carolina than to be raised there, but that cannot be said

for a truth of Connecticut. Indiana excels Connecticut in this: in future in that state there can be but one saloon to every 500 of the in-habitants of a license town.

Texas proposes to tax bachelors from \$15 to \$25 a head. If they do not propose to some woman once a year the highest tax is to be imposed

It is human to think much more of dead great man than of a living one. Lincoln could never have endured what is now being proposed in his

The chartered negro banks in the state of Mississippi aggregated three-fourths of a million capital in 1908, and expect to exceed the million mark

The extraordinary people, says the Charleston News and Courier, outnumber the common people in South Carolina ten to one. This is a modest

Next week the people will celebrate he birthday of George Washington, who will ever remain "first in peace. first in war, and first in the hearts of

time over 125,000 population."

"Do you give your dog any exercise?" "Oh, yes; he goes for a tramp

This is the kind of work the presi-

THE BULLETINS DAILY STORY

IN THE TELEPHONE BOOTH.

This country has prohibition states and prohibition states, but Kansas seems destined to out-prohibition the manufacture of intexticating beverages in the state, the only a secontions being in the case of cider for wine, which may be made by per making apples or grapes, but strickly for their own use. The sale of all liquors is placed under a ban, altitude the communion use. Agents are even forbidition the manufacture of intextinough churches may purchase when though the foreign communion use. Agents are even forbidden, under penalty, to solled the state with intoxicating beverages is subject to a heavy fine and fraprisonment. The physician's prescription decent go. If alcohol is needed in the arts or laboratory it must be of the denatured variety. The "social club" artifice is put entirely out of business. Liquor is outlawed, and Kansas is about to spelip prohibition with the big gest P the country has ever seen. But why should churches be excepted in this law? If it is a crime for a citizen to supply to another fermented liquors because it is evil, why should churches be excepted in this law? If it is a crime for a citizen to supply to another fermented liquors because it is evil, why should churches were undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to the lips of their breathers in the case of the citizens were undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to the lips of their breathers be under the citizen of the statement that the BHble wines were undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to put to the lips of their breathers be under the citizen of the statement with the BHble wines were undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to put to the lips of their breathers have to do only clut-gestion to supply to another fermented liquors. There is ample authority for the statement that the BHble wines were undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to put to the lips of their breathers be undermented wines; and many clutches refuse to put to the lips of their breathers be undermented wines; and many clutches

made me almost laugh.

"I was up to see Lena's baby. Yeh, some: More like him, though—big mouth and yeller hair. She's going to sail him Augustus. I do' know. Took it out of her head, I guess. She always has been great on being fancy ever since her sister want on the stage. Oh, I do' know. I guess she don't say much in any kind of a play. Lena says she's in one now whre she comes in with a brass dish and says, 'A gentleman, miss.' Lena says that's doing well and she thinks her sister is awful smart, but it looks slow to me. I was thinking some of staying two weeks. Yeh. Well, say, there ain't any mail there for me, is there? What?

"You mailed four to me? When? Last night? Well, I do' know why you held 'em up. I told you I wasn't coming back. Oh, that's all right. Much obliged.

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"Say, I gave your address to a lot o' my friends when I was going to your house for that week. You know I was thinking some of staying two weeks. Yeh. Well, is do' know why mail there for me, is there? What?

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Stage myself.

Yeb, I've thought of a whole lot of things, but I do' know. I'm tired of doing nothing. I guess I'm sort o' down. Well, no, not blue exactly, but not very lively. I guess it's the weather.

Peeria? Wasn't one from Ottawa? Pretty good guess, wasn't it! Two? Well, that's him, all right. What? Nothing only they was all from the same person, I guess. Nope. I don't know nobody that just to say lives there. Much obliged.

I was to a show, but it wasn't aw-funny. The feller I was with, he ught it was swell, but I didn't give ! for it. And that's no joke, nel-Why, the feller I met 'cross the t summer, you know. Swell but he can't talk for sour I sh'd say not. He ain't in-like some folks I know.

iddin't say Charlie: I was thinking whole lot of fellers I met off'n on on't care a snap about Charlie; if don't want to write he needn't to ain't the only pebble on the beach.

Mr. Donovon—yeh, that's his But Mr. Donovon—yeh, that's his name. Well, say, you'd oughter heard nim taugh. He certainly got his noney's worth. I like a feller to laugh

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

A Boost for Gaines, The Hon. John Wesley Gaines, he of the long drawn out and silver tongue, and to be suppressed by the sergean at arms in the house of representatives on Friday last. A few years ago when be spoke at The Elton at the annual linner of the Sons of the Revolution. sergeant at arms would have been a Todsend, but he was not present, and he patriotic company was obliged to indure the hot air of the congressman counte of weary hours. The ourth of March will send him home, and doubtless his volubility will acompany him.-Waterbury Republican

And Needed in Middletown. A large manufacturing firm in Midletown is presenting its employes with teel engravings of Abraham Lincoln, seether with a brief sketch telling of is place in American history, and why to is held "in equal regard by victor nd vanquished." In these days of mmigration, when there are hundreds of employes in this country who have nly a vague idea of who and what days of was to America the idea of the country was to America the idea of incoln was to America, the idea of the Middletown concern is an excellent ne for other firms to emulate.—Ansonia Sentinel.

The Scotch Caddy. Andrew Carnegie told the follow-ng: "Golfing one day in the autumn

the St. Andrew's links I said to my Angus, man, the leaves are falling, The green is turning red and brown. Winter will soon be upon us. And do ou get much enddying to do in the inter, Angus?" "Angus frowned gloomily.

"Na, na," said he, blowing his nose. There's noe muckle caddyin' in winter. If it's no' snaw it's frost, if it's no' frost it's snaw, if it's neither frost nor snaw it's rain, an' if it's fine it's sure to be the Sawbath."

Not a Bankrupt. The fiscal year deficit up to now is \$79,814,182. But no proceedings in bankruptcy against the United States of America are imminent. The treasury's Saturday night available cash balance was \$149,212,272. — Hartford

"I guess I was ionesome, there's such crowds down here. Talking to you cheered me just wonderful. I sh'd say. C'm over soon. Nope, it's coming on to rain, so I guess I II go home fast as ever I can. What? Sun out up there? Well, I seen a lady with a umbrella and I sin't taking chances. Good-by."—Chicago News.

One on Hammerstein.

It will be observed that those New York newspaper men struck Oscar Hammerstein on the jaw. No gentie-man in the newspaper profession will ever be accused of being cowardly umbrella and I sin't taking chances. Haverhill Gazette.

PERSONS TALKED ABOUT. Miss Ruby Abrams, who was recent-ly graduated at the head of the art class in Cooper institute, New York, is deaf, and until a few years ago was also durch

Daniel Ridgway Knight, the American painter, has been promoted to be an officer of the Legion of Honor. Mr. Knight received the cross of the Le-gion of Honor in 1892.

The prediction is made by Dr. H. F. Biggar of Cleveland, O., Mr. John D. Rockefellel's physician, that Mr. Rocke felier will live to be 100 years old. The doctor gives three reasons for this prospective longevity, saying, first that Mr. Rockefeller avoids all worry; second, takes plenty of exercise in the open air, and, third, never overloads

Col William J. Bryan, concerning joint resolution introduced last weel in the Nebraska legislature, providing for a school of citizenship in the Uni versity of Nebraska, says that he in-spired its introducing, but he has no pecuniary interest in the matter, and added that whatever lectures he might deliver in such a department would be without compensation.

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell is able to re-Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell is able to re-port that life is growing less hard and bleak for his Laborador fishermen. "We have built several hospitals on the coast." he told a New York audience last Sunday, "and the people are being taught useful trades. Students from American colleges are lending their as-sistance in the religious, moral and industrial uplift of the people."

Popular as is King Alfonso of Spain many of his subjects are wearying of his boyishness and are demanding that he settle down soberly and manfully to the duties of his position. Lately an influential liberal newspaper at Madrid took the king to task for his excessive devotion to sports. The paper referred sneeringly to a report that Alfonso had killed 800 birds with 800 shots.

It is proposed to erect next summer at Hingham, Mass., a righ tower with a chime of bells on the hill near the Old Ship church as a memorial to the first settlers on the occasion of the celebration of the town's two hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary. Many old Hingham families have become faold Hingham families have beco mous, but it is not generally know that this town was the early home the encestors of Abraham Lincoln.

It remained for a citizen of Bost to do what the police of that city ha vainly been trying for a couple of months, to wit: to land a bogus check-worker at police headquarter Criminals in this class are contempts ble in more ways than a few. Salen



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